

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

December 12, 2007

Item Number 4b

MTC Resolution 3834

Subject: Proposition 1B – Transit: Priorities for FY 2007-08 Population-based Funds

Background: In June 2007, MTC adopted the Proposition 1B Regional Transit Program (Resolution 3814), including the programming of \$347 million in state bond funds available to the region by the State Transit Assistance population-based formula. Based on the state's FY 2007-08 Proposition 1B – Transit appropriation, roughly \$58 million is available to MTC this fiscal year for the population-based program. Requests for the first round of allocations are due to Caltrans in December 2007.

Summary: Staff recommends requesting allocations for \$51.3 million of the \$57.7 million in the first round of FY 2007-08 allocations (as shown in the table below). The recommended allocations by investment category are generally proportional to the 10-year Proposition 1B Regional Transit Program. After further review in early 2008, staff may return with a proposal to request allocations for the remaining \$6.4 million in the second allocation round in June of 2008. The allocation requests are based on the programming framework established by the Commission under Resolution 3814, submittal requests from project sponsors, and the allocation principles described in Attachment A to this resolution.

Prop 1B Capital Category	Recommended Program Allocations (in millions)
Lifeline	\$ 12.3
Urban Core	\$ 33.7
Small Ops	\$ 5.3
Total Requests – Round 1	\$ 51.3
Total Available	\$ 57.7

- Issues:**
- 1) In order to maximize the availability of flexible funds for the Lifeline program, staff recommends requesting \$12 million in allocations for regional coordination projects to allow the Lifeline program access to an equivalent amount of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. As directed by the Commission in June 2007, staff will attempt to allocate a total of \$32 million in regional coordination projects over the life of the bond to increase the availability of more flexible STA funds for the Lifeline program.
 - 2) Staff recommends holding the remaining \$6.4 million in the Lifeline category in reserve for a future round of allocations. This will allow for a comprehensive Lifeline program review in early 2008. Further, the \$12 million in “freed up” STA described above will also be available for a future lifeline call for projects, expected to follow the program review in 2008.

- 3) Allocation requests are subject to review by Caltrans and approval by the State Controller's Office. Staff is requesting that the Executive Director be given authority to make administrative changes to the allocation requests, as necessary, based on the state's review.

Recommendation: Refer Resolution No. 3834 to the Commission for approval.

Attachment: MTC Resolution No. 3834

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3834

This resolution adopts the FY 2007-08 priorities for the Proposition 1B – Regional Transit Program for the San Francisco Bay Area.

Attachment A Allocation Principles for Proposition 1B Transit FY 2007-08 Population-based Funds

Attachment B FY 2007-08 Proposition 1B Transit Population-based Funds Project List

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Executive Director's Memorandum dated December 12, 2007.

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RE: Proposition 1B Transit Priorities for FY 2007-08 Population-based Funds

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 3834

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted, pursuant to Government Code Sections 66508 and 65080, a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1266 (Statutes 2006, Chapter 25) establishes the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account as part of the Highway, Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006 (Government Code 8879.20 *et seq.*) ; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the recipient of the population-based funding in the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99313 and 99314; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the recipient of the population-based State Transit Assistance (STA) funds pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99312; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted Resolution 3814, a Programming Framework for the Proposition 1B Regional Transit Funding Program, including additional STA base and Proposition 42 funding estimated to be available between FY 2008-09 and FY 2017-18 after meeting existing commitments; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared FY 2007-08 allocation principles for the Proposition 1B – Transit population-based funding listed in Attachment A, said attachment attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared a FY 2007-08 Proposition 1B – Transit population-based funding allocation request list, Attachment B, for submittal to Caltrans and based on the programming framework established in Resolution 3814 and the allocation principles listed in Attachment A, said attachment attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts Proposition 1B Transit Priorities for FY 2007-08 Population-based Funds, attached hereto as Attachment A and B, and finds it consistent with the RTP; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to make administrative changes to Attachments A and B to conform to Caltrans and State Controller's actions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director shall forward a copy of this resolution, and such other information as may be required to Caltrans and to such other agencies as may be appropriate.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Bill Dodd, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on December 19, 2007.

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Attachment A
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Allocation Principles for Proposition 1B Transit FY 2007-08 Population-based Funds

MTC Resolution 3814, adopted on June 27, 2007, established programming categories and amounts for the distribution of Proposition 1B – Transit funds under the population-based formula. Based on the programming framework of Resolution 3814, the FY 2007-08 Proposition 1B – Transit population-based funds will be distributed based on the following principles:

1. The proportional share of the roughly \$58 million is available to each investment category: Lifeline, Urban Core and Small Operators/Northern Counties.
2. Within each category, MTC will submit projects for allocation based on ready-to-go status. The rationale is that it will be important to put transit-bond dollars to work to demonstrate the need for funding. MTC staff will attempt to allocate regional coordination projects to free up more flexible funds within the Lifeline category, as directed under Resolution 3814. Given the timeline for the next Lifeline call for projects – expected in the summer of 2008 after completion of a program evaluation – Lifeline funds not swapped for “flexibility” may be held in reserve this year.
3. MTC will evaluate this process in Spring 2008, before the State’s second round of FY 2007-08 allocations. The evaluation will consider the remaining available FY 2007-08 funding, the amount of bond funds proposed in the FY 2008-09 State Budget, the Resolution 3434 Strategic Plan and any new legislation regarding the state bond program. At this point, if funding is still available in any one category, shifting funds between categories may be considered.

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**Proposition 1B - Transit Capital Funds - Population-Share
FY 2007-08 Allocation Requests for Submittal to Caltrans based on \$57.7 Million Available to MTC**

Sponsor	Project Description	Category	Amount	MTC Approval Date
MTC	TransLink® *	Lifeline	2,420,000	12/19/07
MTC	Regional Transit Connectivity *	Lifeline	9,858,000	12/19/07
BART	BART Earthquake Safety Program	Urban Core	24,000,000	12/19/07
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	Line 522/523 Bus Rapid Transit	Urban Core	9,726,977	12/19/07
Marin County Transportation District	Shuttle Vehicles	Small Operators/North Counties	151,610	12/19/07
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District	Maintenance Facility Improvements	Small Operators/North Counties	414,019	12/19/07
Napa County Transportation Planning Agency	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	300,170	12/19/07
Vallejo Transit	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	304,082	12/19/07
Vacaville City Coach	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	240,000	12/19/07
Fairfield/Suisun Transit	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	400,000	12/19/07
Santa Rosa Citybus	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	501,869	12/19/07
Sonoma County Transit	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	569,657	12/19/07
CCCTA	Diablo Valley Transit Center	Small Operators/North Counties	1,089,177	12/19/07
ECCTA	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	607,111	12/19/07
LAVTA	Bus Rapid Transit - Route 10	Small Operators/North Counties	429,294	12/19/07
Union City	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	158,878	12/19/07
WestCat	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	150,701	12/19/07
Total			51,321,545	

*Allocations to MTC Regional Programs increase Lifeline Program access to STA flexible funds - up to \$32 million will be exchanged per Resolution 3814.